



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department, and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:** On March 18, 2009, a Lincoln man was sentenced to three years, (36 months), in prison for conspiracy to sell crack cocaine and powder cocaine in the Lincoln area between February of 2007 and March of 2008. During that time period, Williams sold small amounts of crack cocaine to a confidential informant and an undercover Lincoln police officer on seven occasions. He pled guilty in Lancaster County District Court to three counts of distribution of crack cocaine and was sentenced in September of 2008, to four to eight years in state prison. The federal sentence will run concurrent with the remainder of Williams's state sentence. Following the completion of his federal prison sentence, Williams will serve five years on supervised release. Williams was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

**Name of Defendant:** Jabari D. Williams

**AKA:** J.D.

**Age:** 27

**City of residence:** Lincoln

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, also known as crack cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Lincoln

**Location of Arrest:** Butler County Jail, David City, Nebraska, where Williams was being held on Lancaster County charges.

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** Williams was held responsible for at least 50 grams but less than 150 grams of crack cocaine and at least 200 grams but less than 300 grams of powder cocaine.

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** none

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** Between on or about February 1, 2007, and on or about March 5, 2008

**Federal Arrest Date:** August 25, 2008

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** August 20, 2008

**Initial Appearance Date:** August 27, 2008

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Williams pled guilty on December 30, 2008

**Sentencing Date:** March 18, 2000

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** none

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** The Honorable David L. Piester

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** held without bond

**In Continuous Custody Since:** March 5, 2008 (date of arrest on related state charges)

**Assigned District Court Judge:** The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** SEF